## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

KATHLEEN THOMPSON and WILLIAM THOMPSON,

Plaintiffs,

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Case No. 03-73008 Hon. Victoria A. Roberts

ATOFINA CHEMICALS, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation,

Defendant.

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ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS, KATHLEEN AND WILLIAM THOMPSON'S AND

## DEFENDANT, ARKEMA, INC.'S JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY SCHEDULING ORDER AND TO SEVER CLAIMS

At a session of said Court, held in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division on <u>September 21, 2005</u>

PRESENT: HON. <u>Victoria A. Roberts</u>
U.S. District Court Judge

Plaintiff, Kathleen Thompson and Defendant, Arkema Inc., filed a Joint Motion to Modify Scheduling Order and to Sever Claims on September 16, 2005, the parties having been represented by counsel and the Court being otherwise advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties' Joint Motion to Sever is granted;

**IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED** that the parties' Joint Motion to Modify the Scheduling Order is granted, with the new deadlines for Thompson v Arkema, Inc. to be as follows:

Deadline for parties to conclude fact discovery	12/16/05
Deadline for defendant to file expert reports	1/16/06
Deadline for plaintiff to file rebuttal expert reports	1/30/06
Expert discovery to be completed by	3/20/06
Dispositive/Daubert motions to be filed by	4/30/06
Mediation completed by	10/30/06

S/Victoria A. Roberts
Victoria A. Roberts
United States District Judge

Dated: September 21, 2005

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this document was served on the attorneys of record by electronic means or U.S. Mail on September 21, 2005.

s/Carol A. Pinegar
Deputy Clerk